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1. IN RECENT POLADS MEETING, UK AND FRG REPS EXPRESSED MILD INTEREST IN A SPECIAL NAC CONSULTATION ON THE SSOD FOLLOWING THE MAY 2-3 DISARMAMENT EXPERTS MEETING. OTHER REPS, HOWEVER, NOTED THAT THE NAC WOULD HAVE A HEAVY SCHEDULE IN MAY PREPARING FOR THE SUMMIT, THAT HIGH-LEVEL SSOD EXPERTS WOULD BE BUSY WITH PREPARATIONS FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION, AND THAT NATO DISARMAMENT EXPERTS WOULD IN ANY EVENT HAVE SPENT TWO FULL DAYS ON THE SSOD, MARCH 21 AND MAY 2. CONSENSUS FAVORED INSCRIBING SSOD ON A REGULAR NAC AGENDA IN MAY SO THAT PERMREPS COULD COMMENT ON BASIS OF CHAIRMAN'S REPORT ON THE MAY 2-3 MEETING.

2. THIS ARRANGEMENT WAS CONFIRMED AT APRIL 5 PERMREPS LUNCH, WHERE KILLICK (UK) AGAIN RAISED QUESTION OF A SPECIAL NAC ON THE SSOD AND TINE (FRANCE) INDICATED PREFERENCE FOR ADDRESSING MATTER IN THE NAC ON THE BASIS OF EXPERTS REPORT.

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3. COMMENT: PER PARA 3(E) REFTTEL, WE WOULD HOPE TO COMMENT ON US-SOVIET ARMS CONTROL ISSUES AS WELL WHEN REPORT ON DISARMAMENT EXPERTS MEETING IS TAKEN UP BY THE NAC.
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